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THE DEADLINE TO FILE A CLAIM FOR CARDIZEM CD, AND ITS GENERIC EQUIVALENTS, HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 15, 2003

Yesterday afternoon, the Honorable Nancy G. Edmunds of the United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan, extended the deadline to file a claim for Cardizem CD and its generic equivalents. The new deadline to file a claim is Saturday, November 15, 2003. Generic equivalents of Cardizem CD are Cartia XT, Diltiazem CD and Diltiazem Hydrochloride Extended Release capsules.

If you or someone you know took this medication anytime from January 1, 1998 to January 29, 2003, you may be entitled to a refund. New consumers can file a claim one of three ways:

- 1. Go to the website www.cardizemsettlement.com; or
- 2. Call 1-800-372-2406; or
- 3. Call Attorney General McGraw's toll-free hotline at 1-800-368-8808

Once you receive the claim form, you must fill it out and sign it at the bottom and mail it to:

Cardizem CD Settlement Administrator P.O. Box 1675 Faribault, MN 55021-1675

The form must be postmarked by no later than November 15, 2003.

If you have any questions, contact Attorney General McGraw's Consumer Protection Division's hotline at 1-800-368-8808.